

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign

**Held at St Andrew`s Church Room, Chelmondiston, at 7.30pm,
on Wednesday 13th July 2016**

1. Welcome:

Mike Crouch (Chairman) welcomed everyone to the AGM. There were 13 attendees, and the meeting was therefore quorate.

2. Apologies:

Lorraine Deville

3. Chairman`s report:

Mike Crouch gave his report on progress made to developing the Shotley Peninsula Green Way over the last year:

- Ipswich to Freston section: this section of the route had been progressing well, with a detailed route prepared, agreement of the landowners, people lined up to prepare the wildlife and landscape assessments, and the intention that submission of the planning application would follow shortly. However, about three weeks before the AGM, the Pauls at Suffolk Food Hall suddenly changed their minds about the route crossing into the access road to Suffolk Food Hall, and continuing south along the footpath to Redgate Lane. They suggest that the path instead uses the road along the Strand to the bottom of Freston Hill. The committee is proposing to attempt to change their minds, or seek an alternative route.
- Freston to Chelmondiston section: the SPCC`s sub-committee is still working on a number of possible alternatives, and is doing this in conjunction with Woolverstone Parish Council.
- Chelmondiston to Shotley Street: this section is on hold for now.
- Shotley Street to Shotley Gate: this will potentially be funded by the development on the HMS Ganges site. However, Woolverstone Parish Council has leave to go to Judicial review on 21st/22nd July, and the start date for the development is still up in the air.
- A Tourism Action Group has been set up to look at promoting Green Tourism for the Shotley Peninsula. SPCC has been asked to join the group, as the promotion of cycling plays a big part in the aims of the group.
- Meetings were held with the new Suffolk County Council portfolio holder, James Finch, who expressed his support for our work, and also with the new South Suffolk MP, James Cartlidge, who is willing to support our case when we seek funding from other bodies.

Mike Crouch then thanked all committee members for their continuing hard work on the project.

4. Report from the sub-committee:

- Tony Gould reported on two main issues that the sub-committee have been looking at:
 - The footway obstruction at Little Oak, Shotley Gate: progress is slowly being made, with Shotley Parish Council now driving the project forward. Workmen have recently been seen on site digging trial holes to look for any buried services.
 - The route through Woolverstone: Tony Gould outlined the various options that are being considered, then gave a more detailed description of the route that the sub-

committee favour. This is a field-edge path from the top of Freston Hill to the start of the houses in Woolverstone, where the path would have to take to the B1456 (suitably traffic-calmed), then onto the existing footway, if wide enough, and then down Mannings Lane. At this point it would turn south along Pratts Lane, across Marina Road, following the footpath across Church Field. Between Woolverstone Hall and Berners Lane, a preferred route still has to be identified.

The sub-committee feel that this part of the route could be of great benefit to school children, and to residents of Woolverstone wishing to access services in Chelmondiston.

5. Annual accounts:

Sally Williams gave a brief summary of the SPCC's annual accounts, reporting that there had been a minimal outlay during the last financial year. The accounts had been approved by Nicky Cordle of Foreshore Accountancy

6. Membership:

Jane Goyder reported that membership was up slightly again, with a total of 168 members in 81 households, plus 8 organisation memberships (local schools etc).

No new recruitment drive had been initiated as the committee felt that without any concrete developments it would be hard to drum up more support.

It was put to the meeting that the membership fee be kept at £5 per annum per household, or £20 for a five year membership. John Williams proposed that this be accepted, seconded by Rick Kirkup, with a unanimous vote in favour.

7. Election of the committee:

In the absence of any other nominations to the committee, and the willingness of all the present committee to stand again, John Williams proposed that the existing committee be re-elected en bloc. This was seconded by Mike Havard, and unanimously approved by the meeting.

8. Election of officers:

Chairman: Mike Crouch proposed by John Williams, seconded by Jane Goyder. There were no other nominations, and his appointment was unanimously approved by the meeting.

Vice-chairman: Rosie Kirkup proposed by Jane Goyder, seconded by Tony Gould. With no other nominations the meeting approved the appointment unanimously.

Following a proposal from Mike Havard, seconded by John Williams, and unanimously approved, the other officers were re-elected en bloc, as follows:

- Secretary: Cathy Crouch
- Treasurer: Sally Williams
- Membership: Jane Goyder
- Web-master: Tony Gould

9. Minutes of the last AGM:

John Williams proposed that the minutes of the last AGM be accepted, seconded by Rosie Kirkup, and approved by 12 votes, with 1 abstention (abstainer not present at last AGM) and were signed, as a true record of the meeting, by the chairman.

10. Matters arising:

None.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm